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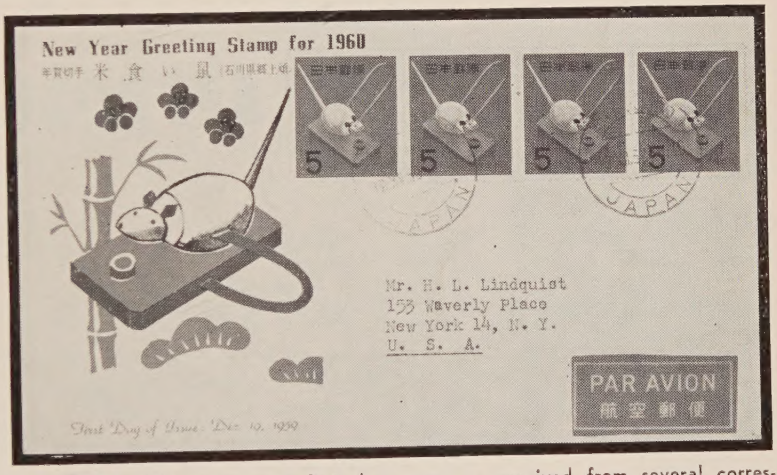

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127...	.18	.02
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363B..	.12	...
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C2....	.15	.03
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J2....	.20	.15
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No.	Mint	Used
O69...	.06	...
O70...	.08	.04
O71...	.10	.02
O72...	.10	.02
O73...	.12	.02
O74...	.13	.02
O75...	.15	.03
O76...	.17	.02
O77...	.20	.05
O78...	.20	.04
O79...	.23	.03
O80...	.25	.04

NORWAY COMPLETE SETS

No.	Mint	Used	No.	Mint	Used
47–58	...	$ .80	307–17	1.50	.20
70–73	$1.10	.47	318–20	.45	.15
74–95	...	.45	331–33	.40	.12
96–98	...	.70	334–36	.35	...
100–03	...	.10	337-39	.30	.12
104–10	4.00	4.00	340–42	1.25	...
111–14	1.35	1.00	345–52	1.35	...
115–28	...	.25	B5-8	1.25	1.25
129–31	1.35	.25	B9-10	.60	.60
132–35	1.50	.55	B11-14	.15	.50
136–44	3.15	1.60	B15-18	.45	.45
145–48	.70	.35	B20-23	.45	.45
150–53	1.25	.30	B28-30	.35	.35
154–57	.85	.40	B32-34	.40	.40
158–61	1.00	.30	B35-37	.35	.40
162–76	1.75	.25	B38-41	.25	.30
181–83	.30	.12	B43-46	.30	.30
184–86	.20	.08	B48-49	.25	.20
187–202A	1.75	.25	B50-52	.75	.75
203–06	2.00	...	B54-56	.50	.50
240–45	.60	.35	B57-58	.40	.25
247–50	.45	.45	B59-61	.50	.50
255–58	.35	.15	O1-7	.90	.75
259–66	.60	.35	O9-21	...	.90
269–71	.20	.12	O10A-19A	.90	.45
275–78	...	.08	O22-32	.85	.50
279–89	1.30	.25	O33-43	*.80	.30
295–97	.40	.10	O44-54	*.80	1.15
299–301	.30	.17	O58-64	*.65	...
304–06	.27	.10	O65-80	1.85	.40

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No.	Mint	Used
8.....	...	.15
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42....	...	.04
43....	...	.04
45....	...	.02
46....	...	.04
47....	...	.04
48....	...	.12
49....	...	.15
50....	.35	.30
52....	.04	.03
53....	...	.02
54....	.12	.05
55....	.60	.02
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56A...	...	.01
57....	.35	.04
58....	...	.01
59....	...	.02
60....	...	.01
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62....	...	.02
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64....	...	.02
65....	...	.08
67....	.06	.04
68....	.15	.10
69....	.08	...
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71....	...	.02
72....	...	.03
73....	...	.35
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77....	...	.01
78....	.04	.02
79....	.04	.02
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82....	...	.01
83....	...	.02
84....	.10	.02
85....	.15	.06
86....	...	.01
87....	...	.02
88....	...	.02
89....	...	.02
91....	.25	...
93....	.35	.03
94....	...	.03
95....	.02	.01
96....	.02	.02
97....	.02	.02

No.	Mint	Used
98....	.02	.01
99....	.12	.03
100...	.17	.03
101...	.18	.07
102...	.15	.07
103...	.15	.10
104...	.15	.10
115...	.05	.04
116...	...	.02
117...	...	.02
118...	...	.02
119...	...	.02
120...	...	.03
121...	.15	.01
122...	...	.05
123...	...	.04
124...	...	.03
126...	...	.07
127...	...	.04
128...	...	.04
129...	...	.30
131...	...	.60
132...	.25	.05
134...	...	.60
135...	.12	.07
136...	...	.30
138...	.70	.60
139...	...	.03
140...	.08	.03
141...	...	.03
145...	...	.02
146...	...	.03
147...	.20	.02
148...	...	.02
149...	.30	.20
150...	.35	.02
151...	...	.02
152...	...	.02
153...	...	.03
154...	.45	.03
155...	1.00	.03
156...	...	.03
157...	...	.03
158...	.30	.03
159...	1.00	.03
160...	...	.08
163...	.60	.15
164...	...	.03
166...	...	.06
167...	...	.01
168...	...	.01
169...	...	.01
170...	.12	.01
171...	...	.02
172...	.10	.03
173...	...	.04
174...	.10	.06
175...	...	.01
176...	...	.02
177...	...	.02
178...	...	.02

No.	Mint	Used
179...	...	.02
180...	...	.02
181...	.50	.02
182...	.17	.02
183...	...	.03
184...	.55	.02
185...	.30	.02
186...	...	.03
187...	.75	.04
188...	.85	.05
190...	...	.03
191...	...	.03
192...	.85	.03
193...	.12	.04
195...	...	.50
196...	...	.50
199...	...	.20
224...	...	1.00
229...	...	.75
230...	.40	.40
231...	...	.08
232...	.45	.04
233...	.25	.03
234...	.50	.06
235...	...	.12
236...	.35	.08
237...	.50	.04
238...	.50	.40
239...	...	.05
240...	...	.17
241...	...	.03
242...	...	.04
243...	...	.04
244...	...	.03
245...	...	.04
246...	...	.15
247...	...	.12
248...	.25	.12
249...	.25	.08
250...	.30	.04
251...	.30	.05
252...	.25	.04
253...	...	.03
255...	...	.06
256...	...	.15
257...	...	.08
258...	...	.15
259...	...	.15
261...	...	.06
263...	...	.75
264...	.20	.03
266...	.25	.02
267...	.75	...
268...	.35	.03
269...	.30	.03
270...	.60	.08
271...	.60	.15
272...	.60	.03
273...	.25	.06
274...	.25	.05
275...	.20	.02

No.	Mint	Used
276...	.20	.01
277...	.80	.12
278...	.15	.04
279...	.15	.03
280...	.20	.03
281...	.35	.03
282...	.27	.01
283...	.27	.01
284...	.35	.01
285...	.35	.02
286...	.45	.02
287...	.45	.02
288...	.50	.04
289...	.25	.15
290...	.08	.02
291...	.15	.04
292...	.08	.03
293...	.35	.02
294...	.10	.02
295...	.90	.03
296...	.70	.08
297...	.30	.05
298...	.35	.02
299...	.03	.01
300...	.15	.04
300C..	.10	.02
300E..	.10	.01
301...	.02	.01
302...	.05	.01
302A..	.08	.01
303...	.10	.01
304...	...	.01
305...	.12	.01
306...	.18	.01
307...	.17	.01
308...	.20	.01
309...	.20	.01
310...	.06	.01
311...	.25	.04
312...	.10	.04
313...	.15	.02
314...	.20	.02
315...	.50	.10
316...	.15	.04
317...	.12	.03
318...	.55	.08
319...	.12	.03
320...	.12	.02
321...	.30	.03
322...	...	.12
323...	.15	.05
324...	.10	.02
325...	.75	.25
326...	.15	.03
327...	.15	.03
328...	1.00	..
329...	.20	.02

No.	Mint	Used
330...	.20	.02
331...	.75	.08
332...	.15	.10
333...	.15	.10
334...	.60	..
335...	.10	.03
336...	.08	.02
337...	.40	.03
338...	.30	.05
339...	.45	...
340...	.70	.22
341...	.35	.07
342...	.10	.02
343...	.45	.03
344...	.10	.03
345...	.10	.03
346...	.55	.25
347...	.10	.03
348...	.08	.04
349...	.08	.03
350...	.25	.06
351...	.10	.04
352...	.15	.01
353...	.25	.20
354...	.30	.10
355...	.60	.15
356...	.15	.12
357...	.20	.04
358...	.15	.02
359...	.12	.03
360...	.04	.02
361...	.25	.03
362...	.06	.02
363...	.10	.01
364...	.40	.04
365...	.10	.02
366...	.07	.04
367...	.25	.08
368...	.08	.08
369...	.10	.06
370...	.10	.01
371...	.45	.10
372...	.15	.10
373...	.12	.02
374...	.05	.02
375...	.30	.03
376...	.06	.03
377...	.08	.03
378...	.22	.04
379...	.08	.03
380...	.10	.01
381...	.17	.05
382...	.12	.03
383...	.04	.02
384...	.35	.03
385...	.05	.02
386...	.05	.03

No.	Mint	Used
387...	.08	.03
388...	.25	.20
389...	.04	.03
390...	.08	.04
391...	.02	.01
392...	.03	.01
393...	.12	.02
394...	.20	.02
395...	.30	.02
396...	.40	.01
397...	.60	.02
398...	.70	.12
399...	.03	.02
400...	.06	.02
401...	.15	.05
402...	.40	.12
403...	.06	.03
404...	.10	.02
405...	.15	.05
406...	.35	.04
407...	.10	.02
408...	.07	.06
409...	.08	.06
410...	.12	.08
411...	.04	.03
412...	.08	.02
413...	.12	.08
414...	.06	.03
415...	.08	.03
416...	.25	.02
417...	.25	.04
418...	.05	.01
419...	.06	.02
420...	.10	.02
421...	.10	.02
422...	.12	.02
423...	.05	.02
424...	.12	.02
425...	.30	.02
426...	.55	.02
427...	.10	.02
428...	.20	.05
429...	.12	.05
430...	.03	.01
431...	.50	*.06
432...	.15	*.06
433...	.55	.12
434...	.15	...
435...	.08	.01
436...	.10	.01
437...	.12	.02
438...	.17	.02
439...	.20	.02
440...	.30	.04
441...	.85	.02
442...	.15	.03
443...	.10	.01

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SWEDEN COMPLETE SETS

No.	Mint	Used	No.	Mint	Used
52–65	...	$ .35	383–85	.40	.07
99–104	$ .75	.35	386–90	.45	.40
115–21	...	.12	391–98	2.25	.25
126–29	...	.40	400–03	.60	.20
145–59	...	.50	404–07	.60	.10
167–88	...	.50	408–10	.25	.18
190–93	...	.12	411–15	.37	.15
230–35	...	.70	418–24	.55	.12
236–38	1.25	.50	427–29	.40	.10
239–47	...	.50	432–34	.75	...
264–67	1.10	...	435–41	1.75	.15
268–74	2.75	.40	444–48	.90	...
275–79	1.40	.20	449–51	.85	.18
280–88	3.00	.17	452–55	.60	.20
290–92	.30	.08	456–61	.55	.10
293–98	2.50	.20	462–64	.70	...
299–300E	.30	.08	465–67	.40	...
301–09	...	.08	468–72	1.15	.20
310–12	.40	.08	474–76	.35	.10
313–15	.75	.12	477–78	.10	.05
316–18	.75	...	479–83	2.75	2.25
319–21	.50	.07	484–86	.75	.20
323–25	1.00	.30	487–91	.55	...
326–28	1.20	...	492–93	.25	.12
329–31	1.10	.12	494–98	.35	.15
332–34	.85	...	499–501	.75	...
335–37	.55	.07	518–23	.85	.45
338–41	1.70	.60	524–28	.70	.37
342–44	.60	.07	529–31	.80	.35
345–47	.70	.30	532–36	.60	.25
348–50	.40	.12	538–40	.48	.25
351–57	1.70	.60	541–43	.45	.25
360–62	.30	.05	544–46	.60	.40
363–65	.50	.06	B22-31	...	1.50
365–68	.35	.18	B37-41	1.40	1.40
369–73	.80	.25	B42-46	.80	.70
374–76	.35	.07	C6-7	.40	.27
377–79	.35	.08	O28-40	...	1.65
380–82	.37	.08			

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Most Interesting Stamp Issues of the World for the Year 1959

As we enter the year 1960 philatelic commentators in every area of the world where stamps are collected will be expressing their opinions as to which are the most interesting, most beautiful, most meaningful of the issues of 1959. No two such writers or broadcasters can be expected to be in complete agreement, and by past experience we may expect that those which some choose as the best will by others be named the year's worst. So, as we make our own selection we understand that many will disagree with us, but our readers have in the past indicated that they are interested in knowing what we consider the world's most noteworthy stamps of the year, and we therefore pass on our opinion as such, with no thought that it is beyond challenge. Too, there have been so many exceptional stamps in the year 1959 that we most assuredly shall be unable to mention all of them. We could not, in fact, take the time to review all of the issues, and so shall have to content ourselves with mentioning those which made such an impression on us at the time of issue that they still remain in our memory without resort to a careful review.

Our newspapers tell us that a check-up of the world's news stories for 1959 indicates that the top headliner for the year was Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev; and second in line, our own President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Therefore, and because this stamp impressed us indelibly when issued, I select as the top stamp of the year as related to the top news persons and news story of 1959 Russia's stamp commemorating the visit of Premier Khrushchev to the United States. The design shows the dome of the capitol in Washington and the tower of the Kremlin in Moscow, and includes an inscription noting the visit and dates. Second in the category of world-shaking news I place the stamps issued to mark Russia's successful moonshot. This event was commemorated by stamps of Czechoslovakia, Communist China, Poland, Romania, East Germany, Hungary, and possibly others, as well as Russia itself.

Other noteworthy stamps in the field of current events came from many countries, covering happenings of both national and international consequence, and in practically every avenue of human interest. There were stamps of regional importance, such as the "Europe" stamps of the Coal and Steel Community; issues for African Freedom Day; and the West Indies Federation. In historical issues affecting the international aspect in a vital way, perhaps none is more significant than Red China's "Big Leap Forward" issues. Nationalist China's stamps to mark the defense of the Kinmen and Matsu Islands point up still further the critical situation in the Asian area which has so long threatened to set the world on fire. Of particular importance to the United States, because of the way the situation has developed in a country so close to our borders, is Fidel Castro's overthrow of Batista, which was commemorated in a stamp shortly after Castro's victory.

Among other national events commemorated with stamps were those of Singapore and Aden, marking their new and revised constitutions; Yemen's stamps to celebrate her alliance with the United Arab Republic; and North Viet Nam's issue for her "Voice of Viet Nam" radio station, built with Soviet assistance. All of these, while national in character, also have repercussions in other areas of the world, and reflect the stirring of the people all over earth's surface. Truly, today one could tell the history of our times in a collection of postage stamps, for there are many others than those we have mentioned with which to note the march of time.

Fortunately, it can also be said that there have been a number of stamps during 1959 which indicate a mood of desire for mutual cooperation. Among these were the issues marking arctic and antarctic explorations, mutually shared by various countries. Among such stamps was one from the United States, and which we consider to be among the most attractive of U. S. issues, and

First day cover from the Luxembourg Administration of Posts & telegraphs with the Caritas issue of 1959, showing the armorial ensigns of Clervaux, Remich, and Wiltz.

with a completely appropriate design. The sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln was marked not only by three issues from our own country, but by stamps emanating from many other countries. It is a significant fact that our U. S. Information Agency has determined through our embassies that Lincoln is the most revered of all Americans in countries abroad. The tenth anniversary of NATO, marked by issues from most of the participating governments, is another instance of cooperation illustrated on stamps. And, of course, the United Nations and its agencies tops the list of mutual cooperation, with issues from over twenty postal administrations, on both sides of the iron curtain.

For the first time in the history of the two nations, Canada and the United States issued stamps of similar design for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, again reflecting cooperation between nations. Another subject, a perennial, which saw issues from numerous countries was the International Red Cross, marking the centennial year.

There were many contenders for top place in the most beautiful stamps of the year, but we would select, after much mulling over a multitude of "beauties", the charming issues of Japan for the wedding of Prince Akahito and Princess Michiko. Our own 15-cent airmail stamp, issued in New York, November 20th, at the A.S.D.A. show, deserves to be named next in line in our opinion. It is one of the most beautiful stamps ever issued by the United States, and when seen in a complete pane, its beauty is even more pronounced.

The United Nations consistently brings out some of the world's most attractive stamps, and all of its issues for 1959 lived up to this standard. We will mention specifically, however, the World Refugee stamp, which sparks the issuance during the coming year of many, many issues from many, many countries.

Belgium also has a constant record of truly artistic design, and from among her issues of 1959, we would select the entire anti-tuberculosis set, issued December 5th. These were designed by five artists; Severin, Goffin, Julin, Haubrechts, and Van Noten, the last-named being well known to many of us here through his residence here for several years, when he was quite active in philatelic circles. He is also the designer of some United Nations issues.

We will not attempt to list other attractive stamps of the year in any specific order, but if we were to choose the best design of each country, we would name: Argentina's international horticultural exhibition issue; Australia's birth of the Post Office 1809; Austria's Vienna Philharmonic commemorative; Canada's NATO; Nationalist China's International Letter Writing Week; Columbia's Miss Universe; Czechoslovakia's bird set; Denmark's Dance Festival; Finland's Forest Administration Centennial; all the French portrait stamps; Germany's Schiller; the coin stamps of Greece; Haiti's Pan American Games; Hungary's butterflies; Iceland's delightful duck and fish issue; India's Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy portrait stamp; Indonesia's Colombo Plan Conference issue; Israel's Tenth Anniversary of Civil Aviation; Jugoslavia's 50th Anniversary of the Zagreb International Fair; Korea's Christmas & New Year Stamps, as well as their 75th Anniversary of Postal Service; the Netherlands stamps for the 40th Anniversary of the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines; Netherlands Antilles Autonomy stamps; Peru's Pacific International Trade Fair; Philippines 100th Anniversary of Progress in Education; Portugal's Millenary of the city of Aveiro; Ryukyu's Flora and Fauna; San Marino's Centenary of Postage of the Roman States; Switzerland's Publicity Stamps, Thailand's United Nation's Day.

Spain's Nativity stamp, issued December 10th, also deserves a place among the most attractive, but we have held it to be mentioned among the top religious designs of the year. The most meaningful of religious stamps, however, is Germany's "Holy Coat", which depicts the coat which acording to tradition Jesus wore on his way to Calvary, and which has been kept at Trier Cathedral since 1100. The Pope Pius Mourning stamps and Pope XXIII Coronation Stamps of Vatican City are noteworthy, both for their religious significance and their beauty. Argentina and Ecuador also issued Pius Memorial stamps.

Though our report is so lengthy, we have but touched the surface in reviewing the stamps of the year 1959. How well it shows that collecting stamps keeps us in touch with our own times and keeps our memories fresh concerning events and personalities of the past.

—H. L. Lindquist

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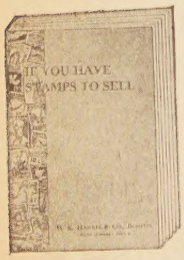

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Feb. 18—Squaw Valley, Calif.—4c Winter Olympic Games

March 7—Washington, D. C.—4c & 8c Masaryk "Champion of Liberty."

April 7—Washington, D. C.—4c World Refugee Year

April 18—Washington, D. C.—4c Water Conservation

April 22—San Francisco, Calif.—25c "Liberty" airmail

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Aden Type 52 Indigo Blue Commonwealth 59, 35c val. .13
Australia 314 1p dull violet .. .04
316—3d bluish green ..... .07
317—3½ dark green ..... .07
318—4p carmine ..... .08
319—5d dark blue ..... .09
320—2/- flannel flower .... .32
321—2/3 Wattle ..... .35
323—3/- Waratah ..... .45
324—4p Mail ..... .08
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326—9p brown, black ..... .14
5d—Christmas Commem .. .09
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169-174 Sea Venture ..... .65
Burma Mandalay Centenary. .85
Canada 383 Silver Dart ..... .08
384 Nato ..... .08
385 Women of World ..... .08
386 Royal Visit ..... .08
387 Seaway ..... .08
388 Plains of Abraham .... .08
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310, 313, 314 15, 50, 75 .... .50
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322 Nelson ..... .07
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322 new 353-370 (16) 2.00
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J59 3p due ..... .07

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Scott #
27-28 Human Rights ..... .50
29 Cairo University ..... .10
30 Afro-Asian Youth ..... .10
31 Coat of Arms, Egypt ... .10
32 Nile Hilton Hotel ..... .10
33 Globe, Telegraph ..... .10
34 United Arab States .... .10
35 Petroleum—Congress ... .08
Emigrants ..... .06
Transportation set (6) .. .25
Souvenir sheet 1.35
1m, 3m, 10m, new cols .. .12
Army Day ..... .08
Pictorials 30, 40, 55, 200 m 1.35
Cairo Museum Nov. 18th .08

Scott #
C2, 3, 4, Air Mails 5, 15, 60 .30
B2 Post Day ..... .10
O1-2 2 Officials ..... .25
HI Queen Nefertiti, surch .. 55 ..... .25
N13 Struggle for Freedom, Scarce ..... .45
N14-15 H. Rights use in Palestine 1.35
NH1 Queen Nefertiti in Pal. .35

1959 U.A.R.—SYRIA
15 School House ..... .08
16 United Arab States .... .10
18-19 Mothers Day ..... .20
20 2½p on 1p olive ..... .05
21 2½p new val ..... .05
22 Army Day ..... .26

Scott #
5p Letter Day ovpt .... .07
Emigrants ..... .40
50p Refinery ..... .25
15p, 70 ovptd. U.A.R .. .35
35p Damascus Fair .... .17
Damascus 1959 Fair ... .17
Souvenir Sheet, same ... .50
Cotton Festival 1959 ... .45
5p postage ..... .05
25p School ..... .15
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Our thanks to *G. B. Newill*, vice-pres., General Motors, for a first flight cover of Lockheed Electra Luxury liner on routes of Qantas Empire Airways, Sydney, Australia to New York. Also to *Horace D. Westbrooks*, Griffin, Georgia, for a cachet he sent locally on December 17, 1959, for the First National Observation of Wright Brothers Day, which by proclamation of President Eisenhower will be observed annually in the future on December 17th. And to *Joachim Dill*, Bad Neustadt, Germany, for a first flight cover of the Austrian Airlines via Vienna-Athens-Cairo.

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Our thanks to the *Rev. Karl W. Scheufler*, Columbus, Ohio, for one of the Lincoln cachets which the Ohio Lincoln Sesquicentennial Committee is presenting in a series, this one depicting the Steamboat "Clipper" vs. Linus Logan, Lincoln's first professional association with Ohio courts. Also, to the *Braniff International Airways* for a flight cachet on AM9 on the inaugural of jet service between Dallas, Texas, and New York.

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Mr. Drexler also reports that in the World Health Day meter used by the United Nations from April 1 to April 7, 1959, the W.H.O. emblem is about 1½ mm. smaller than the one used in 1956. Machines #1 and #2 were used on the first day, April 1, and machines #1 and #4 were used on the last day, April 7, 1959.

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Polish-American Journal Inaugurates Philatelic Column

THE *Polish-American Journal* inaugurated a stamp column with its December 5, 1959 edition. Edited by *Edward Nowak, Sr.*, of Winthrop and Boston, Massachusetts, the column will deal largely with Polish philately. His first column is the only one we have seen so far, but it got off to a good start with a full double-column under the general title of "Polish Philatelic Forum". It contains a considerable amount of information, and is exceptionally well presented.

Mr. Nowak is an ardent Polish specialist, a real "sparkplug" in the *Polish Philatelic Society* of Boston, and presently in charge of public relations for the Society, as well as acting as philatelic advisor for it. He has acted as guest editor for several special Polish issues of STAMPS, and is a prolific writer in this field of philately, as well as a lecturer. A few years back he donated a 20-volume Polish collection to Regis College for its philatelic museum.

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THE separation of the stamps of New Hebrides into French and English sections by the catalogs is to my mind clumsy and confusing for the collector. This illogical method is particularly pointed up by the handling of the 1920-21 surcharged issues. Once it is understood that there is only one postal system under one postmaster (but, unfortunately, with two different language sets of stamps instead of a single bi-lingual one) the collection and understanding of these stamps becomes simple.

The Condominium Treaty of April 30, 1906, ratified in 1907, and operative on April 1, 1908, established the joint rights of the British and French in the archipelago. It placed the natives under joint protection, and set up the ordinary governmental functions of posts, constabulary, and commercial supervision under Resident Commissioners of France and England. This cooperative effort in international control was the background of the League of Nations Mandates, which created the Africa that rumbles in the news today. It was also the basis of the Anglo-French control of German Togoland early in World War I. We are thus dealing with an obscure area with more than a little influence on our lives.

Because of a lack of membership in the U.P.U., which did not come until March 1, 1911, the first stamps of the islands had to be provisionals. Definitives would have been no better than locals, and would have required additional stamps of a regular member country to validate letters for international travel. Overprinting the stamps of Fiji and New Caledonia answered the problem.

Up to 1911 each country overprinted stamps as required, but with the 1911 definitives the agreement which still stands became operative: the designs are by the French but the plates and printing are by the English under Crown Agents supervision.

Unfortunately for catalog values the French placed all French language stamps on sale in Paris before they appeared in Vila, the capital of New Hebrides. However, this fact should not affect the value of used copies, which are quite scarce. I have no evidence of favor cancels from Paris. Disregarding the prior sales in Paris the proper cataloging of the stamps is as follows:

Oct. 29, 1908 — Edward VII stamps of Fiji, overprinted at Suva.

Nov. 21, 1908—1905 stamps of New Caledonia overprinted in Paris. "CONDOMINIUM" omitted. Sept. 1910 — Same with "CONDOMINIUM" added.

Dec. 15, 1910 — Edward VII stamps of Fiji, printed and overprinted by De La Rue in London.

July 12, 1911—French language definitives, recess printed from copper electroplates by De La Rue. Multiple CA watermark. July 25. 1911 — Same — English language stamps.

April 29, 1912 — 1911 French language definitives on "R F" paper, sideways; 5 c. and 10 c. in sheets of 60; "R F" watermark upright.

March, 1920, — 1916 Suva surcharged issues.

March 1921, — 1916 Suva surcharged issues — mixed language changes.

May, 1924, — 1916 Suva surcharges—change in color/value relations, by Convention of 1922.

April, 1925—New definitives in new color scheme, recess printed from steel plates.

From 1925 on all issues have been simultaneous. The "France Libre" set of 1941 is of interest for the varieties of overprint, but cannot be considered a unilateral issue such as the Queen's Coronation stamp.

In proportion to the number of stamps cataloged the New Hebrides has a large number of scarce and rare stamps. There were only 2,280 of the 1908 ½d. on single CA paper; 1,440 of the 1s. on the same paper; only six of the 1d. without overprint; 200 of the 5c. on 50c. without "CONDOMINIUM"; only thirty of the 2d. on 4c. on RF paper. There are rare varieties of the ½d. with "ICONDOMINIUM"

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of 1908, and the 50c, of 1910 with "CONDOMINIUM*I*".

My experience, plus a search through auction catalogs in the United States and Great Britain, shows a scarcity of used copies, which are thus undercataloged. New Hebrides issues are popular in France and Australia, and they are deservedly so, for they have a fine range of land and maritime cancellations which attract collectors interested in postal history.

Will Rogers said he never met a man he didn't like, and there are no uninteresting stamps, but for one who is tired of favor cancels and unnecessary issues and who likes interesting problems of printing and plating, and to take armchair journeys to tropical isles steaming under great rains and with cannibals menacing each step taken on ground shaken by volcanic action, these are the stamps.

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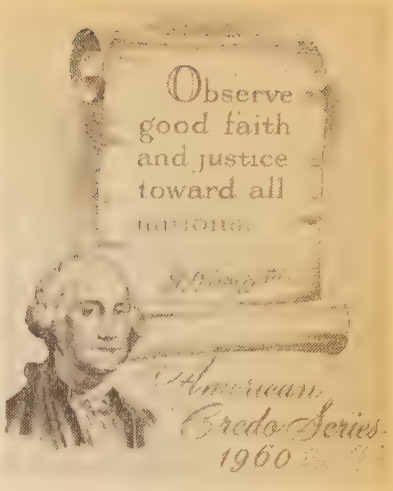

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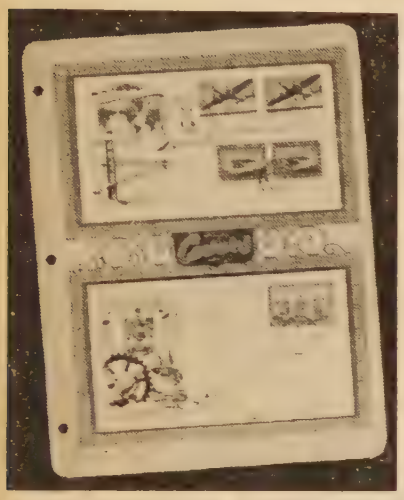

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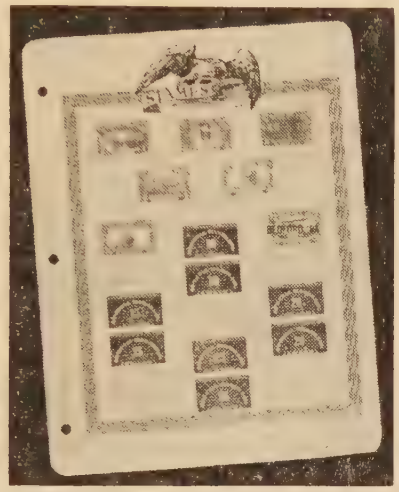

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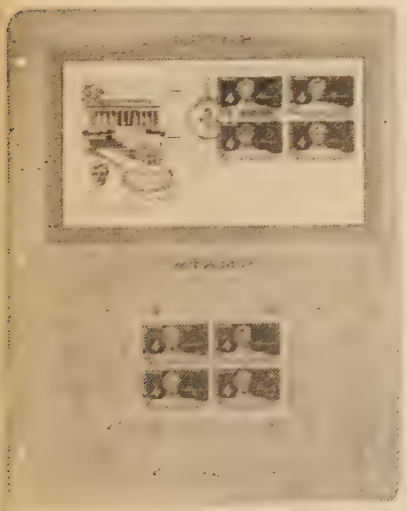

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382–4.....	.47	.39
385–87.....	.37	...
390–93.....	.10	...
394–97.....	.44	...
432–54.....	.40	...
455–88.....	1.50	.55
482.....	.08	.09
489–91.....	.12	...
492–3.....	.07	...
495.....	.04	...
496–8.....	...	.16
500–15.....	2.00	1.00
516.....	.08	.04
517.....	.12	.08
518–33.....	...	.55
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By George van den Berg

AUSTRALIAN Commonwealth collectors have been greatly handicapped by the lack of a good album. One was published some time back but soon went out of print and the publisher folded up. There is, therefore, great interest in a new, de luxe edition looseleaf standard British-size page catalog, announced for early 1960 by the publishers of the *Commonwealth Specialist Catalogue*. It will cover all stamps issued from 1913 through 1959, and should enjoy wide use. The fact that this publisher is bringing it out gives promise of stability to the new venture, which will please all collectors in the field since a printed album boosts collecting almost as much as does the appearance of a specialty catalog.

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U. S. PLATE BLOCK News

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Plate Number Activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the Month of October 1959

IN the month of October 359 plates were cancelled, including forty-five plate numbers of which no copies reached the public. From recent records based on Post Office Department releases this is the largest single month, by far, for any listing of total plates cancelled.

Among the plates cancelled were 144 of the Presidential series; 108 of the Liberty series; twenty for the air mail stamps, including commemorative air mails; and eighty-seven of the commemorative stamps.

There are quite a few significant facts revealed in the group of cancelled plates, but one of the main points is that a number of the 1938 Presidential series plates have had quite short printings, and collectors who are interested in plate numbers and positions would like to have had this information sooner. For example, there are two 8c Prexy plates, 24076 and 24107, which had only 12,100 impressions. There are four 12c plates, 22846, 23910, with 17,650 impressions each; and 24757 and 8 with only 4000 impressions each. The same is true of two plates of the 13c, and when you come to the 14c Prexy, Plates 22848 and 23938 show only 4349 impressions each. On the 16c Presidential two plates, 23037 and 23929, each have only 3429 impressions. On the 18c there are also two low ones; and on the 19c, one plate number, 23045, shows up with only 1450 impressions. Two of the 21c plates, 23053 and 23933, have 5325 impressions each; and two of the 22c plates, 23934 and 24081, have only 2450 impression each.

From the collector's point of view it would be desirable if plates were cancelled with less time lapse between disuse and the time of cancellation, but of course we realize that there may be factors which make it impossible to cater to the collector in this respect. The writer understands that some of the plates have been maintained in stock because of the Stickney presses still being in use, and such plates were adapted only to use in these presses. I believe that the majority of the Presidential and the Liberty series plates now being cancelled are ones which could only be used in the Stickney presses.

Twenty new plate numbers were assigned during October, two being for the new 15c airmail, 26487 and 26502. Four plates for this stamp which were assigned in September and October were sent to press during October. Also, the 4c George Washington "Credo" stamp had four numbers assigned to it, 26488-9, 26494-5, the two former having been sent to press in October. Twenty plates in all were sent to press in October.

Plates Assigned, Cancelled, and Sent to Press

PLATES 26494 and 26495 for the 4-cent George Washington "Credo" commemorative stamp, which will be placed on sale January 20, 1960, at Mount Vernon, Virginia, were sent to press during November. Also sent to press were plates 26498-26501 for the 4-cent Dr. Ephraim McDowell "Famous American" stamp released December 3, 1959, at Danville, Kentucky.

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Continuing its stepped-up program of cancelling plates which are no longer required, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, with authorization from the Post Office Department, canceled 109 plates during November.

Among the plates cancelled was No. 26489, assigned for the 4-cent Washington "Credo." No impressions were taken from this plate. Most of the plates were for various denominations of the 1938 Presidential regular postage series—1-cent to $5.00, and for some denominations of the 1954 series. Also, ending the list, was plate 26486, for the 15-cent international airmail stamp of 1959. A total of 156,309 impressions was made from this plate.

Recent Air Mail Stamp Printings

THE 6c Powered Flight Air Mail anniversary stamp was printed from six plate numbers, from 24781 to 24786 inclusive. The number of impressions from each of these plates ranged approximately from 66,000 to 76,000, which is not a very wide variation.

The 4c blue air mail stamp was printed from four plates out of six which were assigned. Plates 25034-5 had approximately 67,000 impressions each, whereas Plates 25040-41 had only 12,000 impressions each. Plates 25611-12 were both cancelled with none issued to the public. The plates of this 4c air mail stamp should enhance in value particularly 25040-41, because of the low number of printings.

In the list of cancelled plates for the month of October the final plate for the 6c Air Forse stamp appeared. This makes the record on this stamp six plates assigned and four plates used, two being cancelled without any being issued to the public. The plates used were 25761-64, inclusive. The number of impressions for plates 25761-62 were in the order of 281,000 each, whereas plates 25763-4 were only used for 67,000 impressions. This, again, should make an interesting situation for possible enhancement in view of the fact that two of the plates each had more than four and one-half times the number of impressions of the other two plates.

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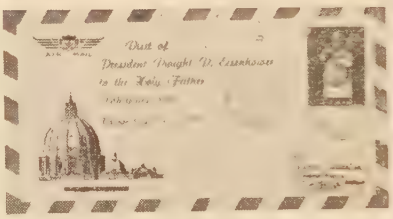

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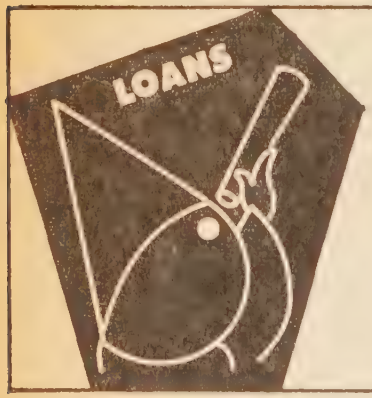

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TIPOFF

COLOMBIA—Every airmail collector who does not have Scott's #C200-207 should make every effort to include this Lansa Line issue in his collection. According to Sanabria, there are only 5,000 complete sets to go around. Compared with this 1950 Lansa issue, Scott's #C166-174 this 1951 set (of which there are also only 5,000 complete sets), catalogs at about half the 1950 issue. Scott's #C200-207 seems to be the best among the Avianca/Lansa overprints and there is no doubt that the slightest additional demand will force prices up one of these days. The presently low, practically new issue price insures good possibilities, and the increase in value should come within the next two or three years. For these reasons, I choose this set as this week's TIPOFF.

UNITED STATES—Now that the 80c Diamond Head airmail stamp, Scott's #C46, is officially removed from sale, collectors who have a single, block or plate block in their collections can sit back to see what will happen, although at the present time nothing startling should be expected. I would also recommend that a single and a plate block of Scott's #C56, commemorating the 1959 Pan American Games, be included in your collection. This latter commemorative has greater possibilities than Scott's #C46 because of its thematic background which will always be in demand all over the globe. It should be bought now while it is still on sale, for once it is removed from sale I believe the price of a plate block will go up faster than any other of the recent air issues. Plate blocks bought now of both Scottt's Nos. C46 and C56 will always be worth the money invested in them.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (SYRIA)—The three-value International Children's Day commemorative set of 1958 has finally been listed by Scott in its December *Monthly Journal* under #13A plus #C10-11. Collectors will have a hard time finding a present-day bargain. Although this

item has been tipped many times before while it was selling for $7.50 to $15.00, many U.A.R. collectors refused to buy it because it was not listed in Scott's. By the time the 1961 edition is available, the market value of this set will be astronomical and closer to the $100.00 mark. Wholesale quotations from the Middle East are ranging from $55.00 to $60.00, and very few collectors will be able to include it now, with such an enormous price tag.

GREECE—In the August 29, 1959, issue of STAMPS I mentioned the Greek theatre set, recommending that it be bought at the then prevailing new issue price. Today (December 16th) I received information from Capt. H. Anderson, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, that he was in Athens on the day of issue, but all he could get was one set at the Post Office. It took a lot of talking even to secure the one set. Later in the week he tried to obtain blocks of four from an Athens dealer, but the price asked was far out of line, and he just walked away in disgust. Finally, a month later, in Naples, Italy, he was able to purchase his set of blocks at a more reasonable price over face. Our thanks to Capt. Anderson for his first-hand report.

SYRIA — The ever-active market in everything pertaining to the United Nations causes stocks to go down so rapidly that dealers have a hard time replacing certain sets. One of these is Scott's C169-172, commemorating the United Nations Social Welfare Seminar, held in Damascus in 1953. Until about a year ago Middle East dealers were able to supply us from time to time with ten sets at a time. Today, if they come up with any at all, it is only one or two sets, and charging us three to four times as much as they did a few months ago. There should be some left here in the U.S.A., and if you have a chance to secure this set at a fairly reasonable price, don't refuse it if you are interested in it.

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279/80	.10	.08
281/83	.85	.25
284/86	6.75	.30
287	.06	.04
290/92	.30	.30
306/07	.12	.06
308/11	.28	.2
312/15	.25	.20
316/21	.85	.20
322/24	.35	.55
325/27	.30	.3
328/39	1.80	.55
340/43	.42	.30
344	.28	.28
345/46	.15	.10
347/50	.55	.45
351/54	.45	.22
351a	1.75	1.95
355/58	.40	.25
359/62	.40	.25
363/64	.30	.15
365/68	.35	.20
369	.22	.18
370/73	.30	.20
371a	.70	.75
SEMI-POSTALS		
B1	.17	.20
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B106/09	.45	.45
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B112/15	.45	.45
B116	3.75	6.90
B117/18	.19	.15
B119	2.95	4.95
B120/23	.45	.45
B124/25	.19	.15
B126/29	.48	.48
B130	2.25	2.85

	Mint	Used
B131	2.25	2.65
B132	2.25	2.65
B133/36	.65	.90
B137/40	.55	.55
B141/42	.45	.50
B143	4.95	5.50
B144	3.45	3.95
B145	.12	.12
B146/49	.65	.95
B150/53	.45	.45
B154/57	.55	.65
B158/61	.45	.45
B162/65	.50	.60
B166/69	.48	.48
B170/73	.55	.75
B174/77	.45	.50
B178	1.95	2.35
B179/82	.48	.48
B183/86	.50	.60
B187/90	.50	.50
B191/95	1.00	1.10
B196/200	1.10	1.10
B201/05	.98	.98
B206	5.95	7.75
B207/11	.80	.80
B212/16	.75	.75
B217/21	.75	.75
B222/26	.75	.75
B227/31	.75	.75
B229a	5.95	...
B232/36	.75	.65
B237/41	.90	.75
B242/46	.70	.60
B247/51	.90	.75
B252/56	.70	.60
B257/61	.70	.60
B262/66	.70	.55
B267/71	.65	.55
B272/76	.65	.55
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C26	...	.65
C27/31	5.60	1.75
C35	.85	1.75
C36	.75	1.40
C37/39	.28	.28
C40	1.60	2.45
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stand for the agency itself, since you come to it first and there are always 150 or so varieties of first day covers running back eighteen months to two years on display, with innumerable packets, stockbooks, albums, stamp magazines, and philatelic souvenirs cramming large display cases.

The covers themselves are kept on tables against the wall. You hand in the numbers of the wanted items to one of the two exceedingly pretty and efficient girls in attendance, and they supply you in a jiffy. When the piles on the tables vanish, replenishments are secured from storage bins below the tables so long as there are any. However, everything runs out sooner or later, the sample is then removed from the display board, and a new item is allotted the old number. This might plunge things into chaos, with the eight Nagoya sample covers in eight different positions, but the girls remount everything periodically and re-arrange table stock accordingly to speed up deliveries, so one can generally tell at a glance just what's available in fancy covers with fancy cancellations for any particular stamp in which one is interested. I've bought many hundred covers by now, and the girls have never made a mistake in deliveries. Accounts are deftly totaled on the oriental adding machine, the time-honored Chinese abacus, known in Japan as the *soroban*. There's never been even a ten yen error there, either.

The counter almost always has clients waiting in line no matter what time of day you come along and, on occasion especially at noon, and all day after a new issue has appeared, it's crowded. Most folks don't seem to know that there is some mighty fine stock book material in one of the cabinets. In fact, I chanced upon this quite accidentally. So, whenever there's a little lull while I'm at the Central (a mailbox in the basement "Call" section is a handy place to let mail pile up while one is out of town), I ask for a "looksee" and am seldom disappointed.

Of course, there are the usual stationery store items on sale at the counter, but philatelic transactions obviously constitute the bulk of the business. It's probably the world's largest stamp location, for thousands of people pass it every hour, many instinctively stop at each passing, and the take must be huge.

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NOT too much is definitely known about the Adrian coils. They were ordered in the 2c, 3c, 5c, and 10c denominations in the small Old Style in the fall of 1928. It is believed that a small manufacturing firm requested them and used them for a while but folded with the onset of the depression. They were used almost exclusively on parcel post, and when demand ceased, were not retained in the post office but returned for redemption. We have been told that fully 75 percent of the order was redeemed, and this would of course explain their scarcity.

ADRIAN MICH.

To us these stamps typify the fascination of precancels. No less than five times since they became scarce we have found some Adrians in otherwise almost valueless mixtures. A few years ago we picked a lovely strip of five of the 2c coils out of a five-pound mission mixture lot that had already been "pawed over" by several collectors who scorned precancels.

The stamps from this town are bound to be excellent property, and if there ever were any "sleepers" in the catalog, these are. The 10c coil is the best of the lot, and if you are particular about condition, you will have to do a lot of hunting. Seven Michigan offices have used only the 1c value in the small Old Style.

Albion ordered the coil in the 1c value in the spring of 1938, and a year and a half later received the 1c Presidential coil. Neither of them is common. This office is now using the 2c Liberty coil, and if it is replaced with the narrow-spaced coil, it too will be a good property to have.

Flint began with the 1c coil in 1930; added the sheet stamp five years later; and has used Bureau precancels consistently ever since. The 1c coil of the 1922 series, G-C catalog No. H56, can be found with the "T" of Flint missing. While it is a rare item, it is not an error but a break. We had never seen this Bureau variety until recently, when we purchased the collection of *Emil Jahnke* of Flint, Michigan.

The 1c coil in the small Old Style was supplied Holland in the spring of 1929, and has been obsolete for more than twenty years. It looked for a long time as though Holland was a one-time user, but finally a couple of narrow Presidentials were added.

Mount Clemens received the 1c sheet stamp early in 1938, which was never replaced; instead they added the 1½c Presidential narrow. Neither is common.

Owosso received the 1c coil in the fall of 1937 and later added the 1c and 1½c Presidential coils, which are scarcer than the old coil.

Port Huron has two stamps that are scarce, the 1c in the small Old Style, and the 1c wide-spaced Presidential. The rest of the Bureaus from this town are easy to pick up.

Saint Joseph seems to have found good use for the 1c small Old Style coils, as they are plentiful, and again we find that the Presidential coils are much scarcer than those used many years earlier.

Jackson ordered the 1c, 1½c, and 3c sheet stamps in the small Old Style in 1928. Evidently many more than the minimum (half million) of each were requested. They were never reordered, yet were heavily used for several years. They should be common, but the 1½c side-view Harding, G-C catalog No. H33, and 3c Lincoln, G-C catalog No. H36, are not easy to pick up if you want them in fine condition.

The 1c wide-spaced Presidential has turned out to be a real rarity. Just what happened nobody seems to know.

Marshall has used the 1c coil since February 1931. Seven years later they ordered the 1½c coil. Both seemed to be satisfactory, and these values were reordered in April 1939, and have appeared on the Presidentials.

Muskegon began with the 1½c front-face Harding coil in May 1930. In September of the same year the 1c coil was requested. The 1½c coil evidently did not move well, as it was never re-ordered. Then it was decided to try the 1c sheet stamp, and it was ordered in 1932. It was satisfactory, and Muskegon has used the 1c sheet stamps consistently since then, replacing them with the 1c Presidential in 1938. In April 1940 it was decided to try the ½c in the small Old Style. There are a couple of stamps from this city that are much scarcer than the others. Consult your G-C Standard Bureau Catalog.

If you have Michigan complete, you are fortunate. As time rolls on, the rarities from the Wolverine State are bound to increase its total worth in Bureaus, and to make it one of the difficult states to complete.

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Coming Events

Jan. 8—The Skandia Philatelic Friends will hold an auction. Those interested may contact group at 76 S. 9th St., Newark 7, N. J.

Jan. 9—Stamp Collectors' Bourse and "Get-Together" will be held at Hotel Plaza, 5th and Cooper Sts., Camden, N. J., from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. For further information contact *Keystone Stamp Co.*, 3301 *Fordham Rd., Philadelphia* 14, *Pa.*

Jan. 11 — Philatelic Chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society, Inc., meeting at 7:30 P.M., at the Quaker City Federal Bldg., 35 S. 16th St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. Visitors invited. Further details are available from *A. A. Kutz*, 6717 *N. 6th St., Philadelphia* 26, *Pa.*

Jan. 11—Austria Philatelic Society of New York, Inc., meeting at 8 p.m., at Collectors' Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. *Edwin Mueller* will discuss and exhibit his collection of Austrian pre-stamp covers. Visitors welcome.

Jan. 15—Minneapolis Chapter of the American Topical Association meeting at 7:15 P.M., in luncheonette of Y.W.C.A., 12th and Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minn. *Dwight J. Soucy* will give illustrated talk on "Stamps from Almost Nowhere," and the post office film, 'The Story of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Commemorative Stamp," will be shown. Visitors welcome.

Jan. 17 — North Jersey Precancel Club's Annual Precancel Roundup will be held at the Public Service Recreation Room, Public Service Terminal Bldg., 80 Park Place, Newark, N. J., from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. All stamp collectors invited.

Jan. 18 — Flatbush Philatelic Club meeting at Flatbush Unitarian Church Hall, Beverly Rd. and E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., at 8:00 P.M. *Alan E. Washor* will speak on "Techniques in Philately."

Jan. 20—American First Day Cover Society, Philadelphia Chapter, meeting at Liberty Federal Bldg., 202 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., at 7:30 P.M. *Alfred Roman* will exhibit "Washington Covers."

Jan. 22—Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Topical Association meeting at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Oscar Hengstler, 222 74th St., North Bergen, N. J. *Rudolph Chlaupek* will speak and show his collection of Olympic material.

Jan. 22 — Columbus Philatelic Club meeting at Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Annual mixture night.

Jan. 27—Washington Philatelic Society, Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I St., N.W., Washington, D. C., will hold "Traders' Night" auction.

Jan. 29-30—Springfield Delco Stamp Club of Springfield, Pa., will hold its exhibit and bourse in the Township Bldg., 50 Powell Rd., Springfield, Pa., from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Eighty frames will be exhibited. Everyone invited. Admission free.

Mar. 4-6—POLPEX 1960, sponsored by the Polonus Philatelic Society, will be held at the Museum of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, 984 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. Hours will be from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., Fri.; 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., Sat.; and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sun. Address all communications to *Roman H. Strzelecki*, 1439 *N. Bell Ave., Chicago* 22, *Ill.*

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Miscellaneous Club News

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In connection with the *Garfield-Perry 70th Anniversary Party,* reported on page 8 of our January 2nd issue, the chairman of the Friday night entertainment, March 18, 1960, is *George A. Blizil,* instead of *Charles I. Ball,* as previously given.

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THE first annual exhibit of the *Association for Western Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc.,* will open in San Francisco, on April 22, 1960, in the Ball Room of the Whitcomb Hotel, 8th and Market Sts., after two years of preparation. The date and place coincide with those of the issue of the new 25c international airmail stamp to be released in San Francisco on April 22. A special post office will be set up in the hotel for the occasion.

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AUSTRALIA—Our thanks to *"Aucos"*, Sydney, for copies of the Antarctic stamp series issued December 16, 1959, as reported in our December 26th issue. The values and the colors of the stamps are as follows: 5d., brown; 8d., blue; 1/-, dark green; 2/3d., green.

BECHUANALAND—We are indebted to *Crown Agents Representative*, Washington, D. C., for copies of the 1d., 3d., and 6d. values of the 75th Anniversary of the Protectorate commemorative set to be released January 21, 1960, as forecast in our November 28th issue.

BRAZIL—Our thanks to *Gen. Arnaldo Franca*, Rio de Janeiro, for a first day cover with special cancellation of the Cr. $6.50 airmail issue released December 18, 1959, to commemorate the first flight of the "Caravelle" jet of the V.A.R.I.G. airline from Rio de Janeiro to New York. The stamp was printed by rotogravure in sheets of fifty on paper watermarked "Brasil-star-Correios" in an edition of five million.

CHINA (COMMUNIST) — On December 10, 1959, a two-value set was issued commemorating the Cultural Palace of the Nationalities, which was opened on the 10th anniversary of the Chinese People's Republic. The four-fen (red) and eight-fen (green) values were printed by the Peking Postage Stamp Printing Works. Our thanks to the *China Philatelic Co.*, Peking, for a first day cover and copies of the set.

(Issues of Communist China may not be imported into the United States according to present U. S. law, but listings are given here as a matter of philatelic record.)

CHINA (FORMOSA)—The "Leaders of Democracy" issue, showing portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Sun Yat-sen,

U.S.S. Des Moines, Dec. 18, 1959

Cover cancelled on board the U. S. cruiser bringing President Eisenhower from Tunisia to France. We were fortunate to secure a few covers, mixed franking—U. S. A. and France Red Cross set, cancelled at Golfe Juan and backstamped Marseilles. Price of this historic cover on request.

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From the Nicaraguan Philatelic Agency, New York, an imperf. souvenir sheet of the stamps issued in honor of Cardinal Spellman. The sheet also comes perf., and the stamp designs are the same as in the perforated singles of the set.

released December 25, 1959, as forecast in our December 19th issue, consists of the following values, colors and editions: NT$0.40, yellow, two million; NT$3.00, light green, one million. *Wen Hsueh-ju* was the designer. Our thanks to the *Directorate General of Posts* for copies of the stamps.

On December 21, 1959, the second printing of the NT$0.20 and NT$1.40 values of the Kinmen Chu Kwang Tower issue was released in editions of twenty-five million and three million respectively. Our thanks to *S. Y. Ma,* Taiwan, for a first day cover.

COLOMBIA—Our thanks to *Diego Silva-Parra,* Bogota, for a cover containing the 5c Agrarian Bank, 5c St. Ignacio de Loyola airmail, 10c Tequedanama Falls overprinted "Aereo," 10c Recoleta de San Diego airmail, and 25c Rafael Almanza airmail issues, all overprinted "Unificado," as reported in our November 28th issue. We also thank him for a maximum card containing the 5c and 10c issues of the Centenary of the Postage Stamp commemorative set and a souvenir sheet for this occasion issued December 23, 1959, in an edition of 30,000, which reproduces the 5c 1859 stamp (Scott's #2A).

FRANCE—On December 12, 1959, a 50F stamp commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of NATO was issued. The brown, green and blue stamps was designed and engraved in taille-douce by Mazelin and printed in sheets of fifty.

—*Ministry of Posts*

ISRAEL—The Israel Post Office has announced the quantities of stamps sold of two issues withdrawn from sale on September 30, 1959. The Tel-Aviv Jubilee, 120 pruta stamp, issued May 4, 1959, was sold in the quantity of 3,002,000. The Independence Day series of 1959, issued on May 11, 1959, had the following quantities sold: 60 pruta, 2,936,000; 120 pruta, 2,510,000; 300 pruta, 1,510,000. These figures include stamps sold for postal use and philatelic sales including first day covers.

—*Israel Philatelic Agency in America, Inc.*

ITALY—Our thanks to *Venetia, F.D. Covers,* Turin, for a first day cover of the 15 lire stamp commemorating National Stamp Day issued December 20, 1959, as reported in our January 2nd issue. The stamp contains a reproduction of the 35 lire, rose stamp of the definitive set issued June 6, 1953.

JAPAN—We are indebted to the following for first day covers of the five yen, 1950 New Year's stamp, issued December 19, 1959, as reported in our January 2nd issue: *Kanai Stamp Co., Ltd.,* Osaka; *S. Miyake,* Tokyo; *Kenzi Miwa,* Yamagata; *William J. Ross,* Tokyo; *Riichi Yoshida,* Tokyo.

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LUXEMBOURG—Our thanks to the *Administration of PTT* for a first day cover of the six-value Coat of Arms, semipostal series, CARITAS 1959, issued December 2, 1959, as forecast in our November 21st issue. The values are 30c+10c, 1F+25c, 1.50F+25c, 2.50F +50c, 5F+50c, 8.50F+4.60F.

MALAYA—A new definitive series of stamps to replace the current one is expected to be released sometime during March, 1960. The 4c, 10c and 25c values of the 1st Parliament issues were withdrawn from sale on December 21, 1959.

—*Lee Chin Teck*

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES — Our thanks to *S. A. I. Maduro* and *W. J. A. Buttner*, Curacao, for first day covers of the four value set commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first flight between the Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles. The set was issued December 22, 1959, as forecast in our December 12th issue, in values of 10c, 20c, 25c and 35c.

NICARAGUA — Our thanks to the *Nicaraguan Philatelic Agency, Inc.*, New York, for souvenir sheets and copies of the Cardinal Spellman commemoratives previously reported in issues of this magazine.

POLAND—The Polish Popular Costumes set, reported in our December 19th issue, was designed by *Chester Kaczmarczyk*. The values will be printed in the following editions, of which 300,000 pairs of each value will be issued imperforate: 20gr., four million; 60gr., four million; 1Zl., three million; 2.50Zl., three million; 5.60Zl., 2,500,000.

The Famous Scientists set, scheduled for issue in December 1959 has been postponed to the early part of 1960.

In January or February 1960 a set of stamps honoring the Centenary of Polish Stamps will be issued. The designs will depict (1) the first Polish stamp of 1860; (2) one stamp of the 1939 set for the International ski games at Zakopane; (3) the commemorative of 1945 honoring the anniversary of the Polish People's Republic; and (4) the 2.50Zl. value of October 1957 International Letter Writing Week commemorative set.

Some time in March or April 1960 a set of stamps will be released commemorating the International Olympic Games in Rome. The values will be 60 gr. and 2.50 Zl. Four designs of each value, printed in a block of four arrangement, will be issued.

—*M.A. Rayall de Ragan*

POLAND—Our thanks to *Ars Polona* for a first day cover and copies of the two-value set of stamps issued November 14, 1959, commemorating "1000 Schools for Milennium of Poland," as reported in

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our December 19th issue. The 40gr., brown and green stamp, depicts a girl doing school work, and was designed by *Wiktor Gorka.* The 60gr., blue, light-blue, red and black value shows three children in front of a school building, and was designed by *Hubert Hilscher.* Both stamps were printed by rotogravure, steel plate engraving and typography by the State Printing Office, Warsaw.

RUSSIA—Four bi-colored stamps depicting the activities of the volunteer assistants to the armed forces were issued October 28, 1959. The values, colors and designs are the following: 10k., lilac and reddish-brown, helicopter; 25k., blue and brown, "frogman"; 40k., brown and bluish black, motorcyclist; 60k., blue and brownish-yellow, parachutist.

—Le Monde des Philatelistes, Paris

SALVADOR—The visit to Washington last March 9-21 of Lieut. Col. Jose Maria Lemus, President of the Republic of El Salvador, was commemorated by a recent issue of six stamps. On each stamp the portraits of President Eisenhower and President Lemus appear along with the flags of both nations in natural colors.

—Kent B. Stiles, Stamp Editor of the New York Times

SAUDI ARABIA — On August 18, 1959, it was announced by Ustadh Je'far Thabit, Director of Postal Affairs Division in the PTT, that a new set of postage stamps would be issued shortly. The latest advice is that information as to the subject of the stamps will be released at the Arab Postal Union Conference, which will be held in mid-January at Nelo in Riyand, Saudi Arabia. Details of design, denominations, and colors have not been announced.

—Frank E. Patterson

TURKEY—A commemorative set for World Refugee Year will be issued on April 7, 1960, consisting of a 90 Kurus value (blue and black) and a 105 Kurus value (yellow and black). The stamps will be printed by offset by the APA Offset Printing House, Istanbul, in sheets

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447...	.60	.12	504...	.04	.02	B37...	.35	.35
448...	.04	.05	505...	.06	.02	B38...	.30	.30
449...	.12	.03	206...	.07	.04	B39...	.35	.35
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451...	.12	.03	508...	.12	.02	B41...	.30	.30
452...	.12	.02	509...	.15	.04	B46...	.15	...
453...	.17	.08	510...	.20	...	B47...	.15	...
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455...	.12	.02	512...	.27	.03	C7....	.30	.18
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460...	.04	.02	517...	.10	.01	O15...	.15	.03
461...	.10	.01	518...	.10	.03	O17...	...	.02
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467...	.10	.04	524...	.07	.03	O28...	.03	.03
468...	.20	.02	525...	.10	.03	O29...	.20	.20
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474...	.10	.01	531...	.12	.03	O36...	...	.15
475...	.15	.06	532...	.07	...	O37...	.65	.08
476...	.10	.02	533...	.10	.02	O38...	...	.15
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493...	.17	.10	546...	.10	...	O51...	.05	.02
494...	.03	.03	B22...	...	.20	O52...	.15	.03
495...	.08	.02	B23...	...	.15	O53...	.10	.02
496...	.14	.06	B24...	...	.15	O54...	.22	.04
497...	.03	.03	B25...	...	.15	O55...	.35	.08
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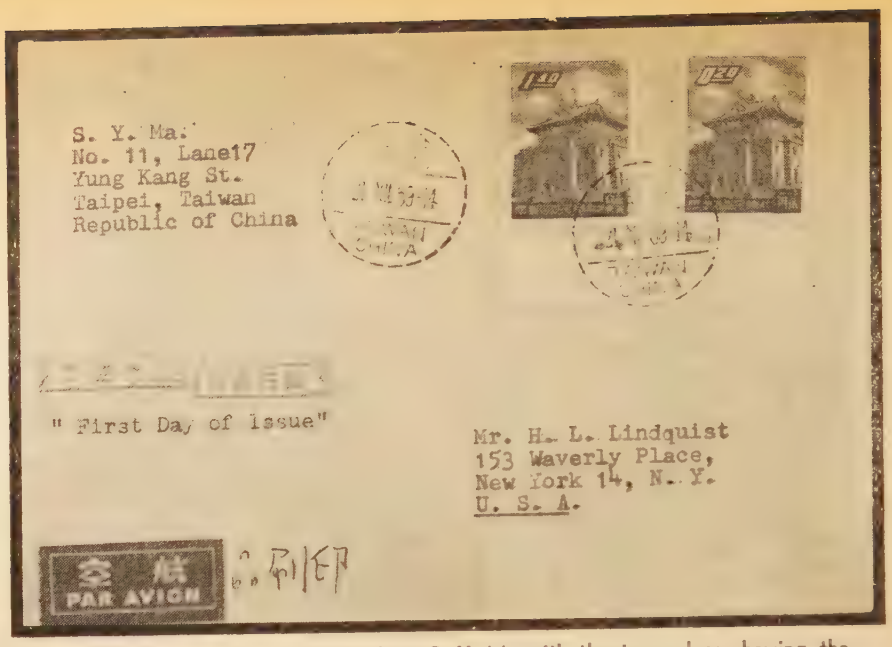

Nationalist China first day cover from S. Y. Ma with the two values showing the Kinmen Chu Kwang Tower.

of fifty. The 90 Kurus design depicts an open window on the world and the emblem of the refugee; the 105 Kurus value shows the shanties and the emblem of the refugee. The stamps will be valid for postage until December 31, 1961.

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